

## BRITISH BISECTED.

The Boers Get Between French and Roberts and Are Making Trouble.

### KITCHENER WILL COMMAND

In the Next Fight That the Troops Will Have With the Enemy.

### SHELLS AND EXPLOSIVES

And a Lot of General Supplies Lost By the Boers Under Cronje.

### GENERAL FRENCH IS PROMOTED.

Queen Takes Quick Action in Rewarding the Man Who Gave England the First Daylight That Has Been Seen in the Campaign.

[News-Democrat Leased Wire Service.] London, Feb. 17.—Breaking into British rejoicing comes a dispatch, dated Jacobsdal, February 16, which says that a Boer commando fell upon the rear guard at Waterval Drift, capturing a large convoy after severe fighting. The capture of the convoy is a severe loss to General French and indicates that the Boers are moving between his position and that of General Roberts, a standing menace to the British line of communications. The same telegram from Jacobsdal says that General Cronje with 10,000 Boers is retiring towards Bloemfontein, presumably to protect the Free State capital.

There is a lurking fear that Cronje has planned and is getting into position for a counter move against General Roberts and French and he will be heard from soon.

General French, his officers and men were given a great reception at Kimberley. The officers were dined at the Kimberley club. General Kelly-Kenny with Tucker's division is supporting General French. It may be several days before England hears more definite news from Roberts, as the field marshal does not cable probabilities or hopes, but results.

### RAPID PROMOTION.

General French Has Major Added to His Title For Good Work.

[News-Democrat Leased Wire Service.] London, Feb. 17.—The following has been posted at the war office: "The queen has approved the promotion of Colonel and Local-Lieutenant General French to be major-general, and of Lieutenant Colonel Kekewich to be colonel for service in connection with the defense and the relief of Kimberley."

### CAPTURED STORES.

Many Things of Value to an Army Taken by the British.

[News-Democrat Leased Wire Service.] London, Feb. 17.—General Roberts cables to the war office from Jacobsdal under today's date as follows: "Kelly-Kenny yesterday captured 78 wagons of stores, two wagons of Mausers, eight boxes of shells and ten barrels of explosives, besides large quantities of general supplies belonging to Cronje's laager, which was being shelled when Kitchener dispatched the message."

This is the first intimation of Kitchener's whereabouts. From the above dispatch it appears that Kitchener is after Cronje, and will probably be the general to lead the British against him in battle. This also confirms the report that Cronje is retreating to Bloemfontein.

### ANNIHILATED.

Boers Attack a British Column and Leave Very Little of It.

[News-Democrat Leased Wire Service.] London, Feb. 17.—The Daily Telegraph has the following dispatch from Naauwpoort, dated February 13, and delayed in transmission: "Very severe fighting occurred on both our flanks near Rensberg. The enemy greatly outnumbered our troops, being about 4,000. They attacked the Worcestershire regiment on their hill, and, with desperate determination, charged home, only to experience such a heavy Maxim and rifle fire from our men that the death roll of the assailants must have been considerable."

"A patrol of the in-killing dragoons was surrounded by some 500 Boers and gallantly cut its way through without losing a man, but a company of New South Wales mounted infantry was unfortunately annihilated, most of the men's bayonets, however, bearing the

impress of sanguinary conflict with the foe. "Colonel Coyneham was shot through the heart at the outset of the engagement. The enemy chose the time of the moon's setting for their onslaught. Out of five colonial officers only one returned to camp. A strategic and concentrative move back to Arundel has been decided upon."

### MOLTENO ATTACKED.

Boers Are Not Done Fighting And Are Going After the British.

[News-Democrat Leased Wire Service.] Sterkstroom, Feb. 17.—The Boers attacked Molteno this morning.

Sterkstroom is the headquarters of General Gatacre. Molteno is about 20 miles north of Sterkstroom and is situated at the junction of the main line running northward to Bethulle and the branch line running westward to Naauwpoort.

### BOERS STOPPED.

An Advance Column Turns About to Assist Rear Guard to Hold Transports.

[News-Democrat Leased Wire Service.] Jacobsdale, Feb. 17.—General Kelly-Kenny overtook General Cronje's rear guard this morning and a battle is impending. The Boers were compelled to stop to save their transports.

This is probably an advance train of the Boers that led Kelly-Kenny on so that the Boer commands on the flank could get between him and Roberts. Kelly-Kenny has a part of French's command.

### BOERS CAME BACK.

British Report That They Again Drove Them Away—Volunteers Acted.

[News-Democrat Leased Wire Service.] London, Feb. 17.—A dispatch to the Chronicle from Jacobsdal, under yesterday's date, says that after the Sixth division (Kelly-Kenny) evacuated Jacobsdal on Thursday in order to move north, the Boers recaptured the place. After three hours, however, the Boers were driven out at the point of the bayonet. The dispatch adds that some of the London Imperial volunteers took part in the attack and behaved like veterans.

### BRITISH LOSSES

In an Unsuccessful Attempt to Defend a Convoy Were Considerable.

[News-Democrat Leased Wire Service.] Jacobsdale, Feb. 16.—Delayed—The British casualties in the unsuccessful attempt to defend the convoy at Waterval drift were one killed and thirty wounded.

The Boers are reported to be leaving Spytfontein on the railroad some miles below Modder river and are said to be moving in a northwesterly direction.

### INTERRUPTED BY BOERS.

Strong Detachment Required to Meet Them and Armored Train in Use.

[News-Democrat Leased Wire Service.] Orange River, Feb. 16.—Delayed—The Boers are endeavoring to interrupt the British at Graspan on the railroad above here. A strong detachment of troops with an armored train is protecting the line.

### HEMMED IN

British Claim They Have the Boers Surrounded By Large Forces.

[News-Democrat Leased Wire Service.] London, Feb. 17.—A Capetown dispatch says that the Boers remaining at Magersfontein are hemmed in by Methuen on the south Roberts on the east and MacDonald on the west, the latter at Koodoosberg.

### CASUALTIES

Reported By the British in the Relief Of the Kimberly Garrison.

[News-Democrat Leased Wire Service.] London, Feb. 17.—An additional list of casualties in the fighting about Rensberg early in the week shows that Major Stubbs, of the Worcester regiment and sixteen men were killed. Additional casualties at Waterval Drift, February 15, are one killed and eleven wounded. The London war office posts the casualties sustained in the skirmishes before Jacobsdal as one killed, 14 wounded and 3 missing.

### COMMUNICATION

Has Not Been Established With Kimberly and Notice Is Cancelled.

[News-Democrat Leased Wire Service.] New York, Feb. 17.—The Commercial Cable Co. issued the following today: "The British postoffice requests us to cancel yesterday's notice in regard to Kimberly. There is no telegraphic communication with Kimberly at present."

### Bought a Farm.

Alonso Smith on Thursday sold the Joseph Miller farm at Genoa, acting as attorney for the heirs. The purchaser was John Hughes, of Lakeville, Holmes county, the father of Attorney D. C. Hughes, of this city. The farm contains 24 acres and brought \$3,400.

## POSITIVE PROOF

That Macrum Spoke the Truth In His Statement to the People.

### THEY HAVE ENVELOPES

At the State Department That Show On Their Face They Were Opened.

### A NOTE TELLS BY WHOM.

Department Must Have Known All About It For Some Weeks.

### AND IT WILL NOW BE AIRED

Committees Will Make Demands For the Proof and Will Be Able to Show Conclusively That Macrum Was Entirely Justified in His Course.

[News-Democrat Leased Wire Service.] New York, Feb. 17.—The Journal's correspondent in Washington telegraphs his paper that proof of ex-Consul Macrum's most serious charge is in Washington. This proof, he says, consists of two official envelopes invariably used in the consular service with the seal of the United States upon them. The envelopes when received by Macrum were sealed with a British sticker marked with the initials "V. R." (Victoria Regina) and with notation stating the circumstances and signed with the initials of the clerk in Durban, who opened the letters and resealed them, after making himself acquainted with their contents and probably after he had taken copies for the perusal of higher British authorities.

These envelopes are awaiting the action of a senate or house committee empowered to investigate.

### OFFICIALS FORTIFYING.

Washington, Feb. 17.—The state department is making an investigation to ascertain whether former Consul Macrum ever made a complaint that his official mail was opened by a British censor. They do not expect to find any such record, as it would have attracted attention had it ever been received. The department is preparing itself for the possible adoption of the Wheeler resolution in the house, asking for information on the question. The officials of the state department assert that Macrum never made a complaint that his mail had been opened, except through the newspapers. Still, the British censor might have thrown a complaint in the waste basket when he opened the official letter containing it.

### MOUNTED MEN

Cannot Hold Kimberly and the British Victory Was Unimportant.

[News-Democrat Leased Wire Service.] New York, Feb. 17.—Major E. P. H. Hutton, who has just resigned his position as general commanding the militia in Canada, is to sail on the Etuturia today for London under orders to proceed to South Africa for special service.

General Hutton refuses to discuss the war and when questioned concerning his views of the news from Kimberly, he said, "It does not amount to much. You cannot hold the town with a few mounted men."

### NEGRO TROOPS

Assault a Jail to Rescue Comrades and an Armed Conflict May Result.

[News-Democrat Leased Wire Service.] El Paso, Texas, Feb. 17.—Negro troops from Fort Bliss have assaulted the jail here today, trying to rescue two comrades. A number of shots were exchanged and it is claimed that one officer and one soldier were killed. A posse has been formed and a serious clash is threatened.

### WHACK AT DICK.

That Is the Way It Is Made to Appear But Some Think Dick Played Double.

Columbus Citizen: The new penitentiary board is a surprise even to the wise ones, as it does not contain the name of Julius Whiting, of Canton, or George Hay, of Coshocton, both of whom were slated as sure of landing. Dick backed Whiting for the place. There is no doubt of this, but his friend, Senator Sieber, championed Aaron Waggoner, also of Summit county, and he landed.

Speaking of the appointment of Waggoner instead of Dick's candidate, Julius Whiting, one of the senators who has been on the inside of all this fight for place on the board, said:

"It looks like Naah's board, doesn't it?" He then explained he thought the

## OLD LANDMARKS NUMBER FOUR, WRITTEN BY JOHN DANNER.



The Top Picture Is the Kimball Property, That Stood Where the First Baptist Church Now Stands. The Lower Picture Is the Stidger Property, Referred to in the Accompanying Historical Sketch.

Thirty years ago the block of lots where the Baptist church now stands, on South Market street, had but two buildings on the whole block. They were the two represented by the illustration. The one was the V. R. Kimball home, a two story brick building, that stood upon the sidewalk on the northeast corner of the present church lot. The other was a two-story frame that stood where the residence of E. D. Kepling now stands, but was close up to the sidewalk. It was not the style, in those days, to have a yard or lawn in front.

This last named frame building was built and occupied for years by my grandfather, Philip Slusser. It must have been built as early as 1818. My mother was married in said building, Father Slusser, as he was familiarly known, was one of the first Methodists in Canton, and consequently the Slusser home was often thrown open for the meetings of said church. Grandmother Slusser was in full sympathy with the same, and Father Peter Toller, who lived in a small two-story brick building, on the same lot where I now reside, and opposite the Slusser house, was also one of the first Methodists of those times so that spirits of a kindred nature were close together.

My grandfather, Philip Slusser, came from Westmoreland county, Pa., to Stark county, in 1805. He entered a quarter section of land in what is now part of the eastern division of Canton, an very soon thereafter erected the first flouring mill in the county. It was on the same site where, afterwards, stood the Rowland mill, and still later known as the George Myers mill, both first and last structures for milling purposes at this place, since destroyed by fire. No mill has been there for some years.

When grandfather Slusser first came here, his sons, Philip, Peter and John were grown up so as to be very helpful. Philip and Peter finally settled in Tuscarawas township, Stark county, and raised large and influential families. John Slusser remained in Canton and eventually engaged in the mercantile business. He was the father of the late Dr. Lewis Slusser, Samuel D. Slusser, and Mrs. Madison Reynolds, The

youngest daughter, Mrs. D. Zollars, is still with us, and the only one left of the family.

After the death of Grandfather Slusser, my uncle, John Slusser, was appointed administrator of the estate and sold the old house and the two lots belonging to it, which consisted of the whole block except one lot that was known as the Kimball property, for \$600, which in those days was considered to be all it was worth. Quite a different price would be asked for such a property now. Mrs. McNab, mother of the late Dr. Harman Stidger, bought the property, and occupied it, together with her son, Dr. Stidger, until the old lady's death. Then the property passed into other hands and rapidly advanced in value and is now divided into four or five lots, all well improved.

Dr. Harman Stidger was quite an active citizen in his time. He was an ardent Democrat and was one of the two members in the constitutional convention from Stark county, in Columbus, that assembled 50 years ago to frame our present constitution. Hon. Joseph Thompson, also a Democrat, was the other member. He built and lived in, until his death, the brick residence at 735 South Market street, now owned and occupied by John Skeels, the contractor. The Democrats should not be ashamed of this work 50 years ago and especially of that clause in the constitution that forever prohibits a license being granted for liquor selling, although it is sadly trampled upon by the unconstitutional Dow tax law. It is a good constitution to day, while three attempts have failed to repeal the clause referred to.

The V. R. Kimball house was a brick building, two stories high, as seen in the picture. William C. Kimball, of Tiffin, Ohio, informs me that the house was built by Orlando Metcalf, Esq., in 1829, and thinks Mr. Metcalf never occupied it but sold it to his father, V. R. Kimball. Lawyer Metcalf, very soon thereafter, moved to Pittsburg, Pa., where he became quite eminent as an attorney. The Kimball children never knew any other home, all the children, ten of them, were born in said house. Mr. and Mrs. Kimball both died there.

Thirty years ago, the trustees of the Baptist church bought the Kimball property from the heirs, and in 1871 the

old Kimball house was taken down and the Baptist house of worship was erected on said lot. Volney R. Kimball, at one time, was one of the largest and most enterprising merchants in Canton. Mr. Kimball built and occupied as a storeroom, until his death, the large storeroom on the east side of south public square, now occupied by George H. Spangler. Mr. Kimball also built the large two-story brick building now occupied by the Alexander Woolen mill, southeast corner Cherry and Third streets. It was first built for the tanning business, and was thus used as long as Mr. Kimball owned it. In early days we had quite a number of tan yards in Canton. Now we have none as the country became more thickly settled and made it difficult to obtain bark at a fair price, and that led to the abandonment of tan yards. V. R. Kimball's first wife was Mary Craighead, a most excellent christian woman, a member of the Presbyterian church. After the death of Mrs. Kimball, Mr. Kimball was married to Mrs. George Faber. She was the daughter of the late Dr. Andrew Rappe, and a sister of the late Mrs. Henry H. Myers, and natives of Canton. Only a few years were they permitted to live together. Both died within several years of their marriage. Richard C. Kimball and Miss Josephine Kimball are yet living in New York. William C. Kimball lives in Tiffin, Ohio. All the rest of the family, I think, are dead, except Mrs. Paul D. Rider, who was the only child of the second marriage.

At one time John P. Harley, a brother-in-law of V. R. Kimball was interested in the store. He was quite a genial and energetic man, a member of the Presbyterian church, and quite active in the affairs of said church. Hon. David A. Dangler, of Cleveland, Ohio, was one of the prominent clerks in Kimball's store, for several years. I myself clerked there a short time, but had an offer from L. & S. Rawson, of Massillon, that suited me and I went there in 1840, and stayed with said firm four years and then went into business on my own account. While at Kimball's store I boarded in the Kimball house and found it a very pleasant and happy home and regretted to leave when I did. Many social gatherings of the best society in the town seemed well entertained and cared for in this hospitable home.

JOHN DANNER.

governor had sought to satisfy himself in these appointments rather than the big bosses (the senator did not say the ugly word bosses, but that is what he meant.) Mr. Whiting was to have been the "personal representative of General Dick," but evidently Governor Nash thought Dick could get along without a personal representative on the pen board.

### SEWER GAS

Killed Two Boys Who Were Found Dead at a Town Near Pittsburg.

[News-Democrat Leased Wire Service.] Pittsburg, Feb. 17.—Thomas Parsons and John Dillm, aged 12, whose parents reside at the Metropolitan hotel, Milwaukee, were found dead in an outbuilding on the hotel property, at 2:30 this morning. Death was due to asphyxiation from sewer gas.

### PIGGOTT CORRECTED.

[News-Democrat Leased Wire Service.] Washington, Feb. 17.—Justice William Piggott, of the Montana supreme court, was called to the stand again in the Clark bribery investigation, this morning. The judge said he wished to correct a part of his testimony given on Thursday evening. He did not advise Judge Hunt to cause criminal proceedings to be instituted against Dr. Treacey, of Helena, for having suggested that the supreme court might make \$100,000 by throwing the Wallace disbarment case out of court.

Senator-Elect Clark of Montana, him-

self appeared upon the stand. He declared that he had never either directly or indirectly offered money to any man in order to influence that man's vote to himself. He knew of no corruption in his interests, he said. The senator admitted that he had given \$95,000 in 1898 to the Democratic campaign fund, but he said it was given to break up the Daily faction rule in the state, and was spent for legitimate expenses. He declared that at that time he was not a candidate for the senate and therefore had no personal object in contributing the money.

### MASSILLON MAN

Will Raise His Flag On the Kearsarge the Early Part of Next Week.

[News-Democrat Leased Wire Service.] Newport News, Feb. 17.—The battleship Kearsarge will be ready to go into commission next Tuesday, the day selected for Captain W. N. Folger to raise his flag.

### ADJOURN SINE DIE.

Is the Plan of the Democrats If a Democrat Is Not to Preside.

[News-Democrat Leased Wire Service.] Louisville, Ky., Feb. 17.—When the Democratic legislature meets today an attempt will be made to adjourn to convene in Frankfort, Monday. In Frankfort they would expect to have a ma-

ajority, and unless a Democrat is allowed to preside over the senate, the intention is to adjourn sine die until the courts get the tangle straightened.

### THRUST AT MCKINLEY.

Frankfort, Feb. 17.—The Republican house today adopted resolutions thanking the Indiana Republican clubs league for sympathy with Taylor. They adopted similar resolutions thanking Roosevelt. The latter is looked upon as a thrust at President McKinley.

### AT PLAINTIFF'S COSTS.

Suit Against the News-Democrat Publishing Company Was Dismissed.

The case of Robert McMillan against the News-Democrat Publishing Company came up before Judge Taylor in common pleas court Thursday afternoon. A jury had been partially secured when Attorney J. J. Clark who represented McMillan, asked for a postponement. Baldwin and Shields, who represented the defendant and Mr. Shields stated to the court that the defendant was ready for trial and instead of having the case tried, Mr. Clark, finding postponement would not be permitted by the court, asked that the case be dismissed. This was done at the costs of the plaintiff.

### Verdict For Plaintiff.

The case of Buchman's executor against Pontius's administrator, was finished Thursday afternoon. Attorney Joe Blake opened the argument for the plaintiff and Mr. Sterling followed for the defendant. David Day then closed the discussion. The jury deliberated for an hour and brought in a verdict deciding that the defendant must pay the plaintiff \$102.